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In re Application of:

Martin Stanley Johnson et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior the examination of the above-referenced application, kindly enter the following amendments and consider the appended remarks.

In the Claims

Please replace claims 1-28 with the following amended claims of the same number:

1. (Once Amended) A water treatment apparatus comprising a treatment housing having an inlet for the water to be treated, an outlet for the treated water, a heater within the housing to come into direct contact with the water and a filter between the heater and the outlet, characterised in that means are provided to fill the housing with water up to a maximum level which leaves a headspace between the water and the roof of the housing, the entrance to the outlet being below the operating water level.

2. (Once Amended) A water treatment apparatus according to Claim 1, characterised in that the housing is in the form of a disposable cartridge which may be dispensed with including its heater.

3. (Once Amended) A water treatment apparatus according to Claim 1, characterised in that the housing contains one or more perforated screens between the heater and the filter.

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